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Community Justice Academy to dispel myths relating to domestic and dating violence in Marion County

(Indianapolis, Ind.) In recent weeks, domestic and dating violence has received much needed attention and conversation due to multiple alleged domestic violence incidents involving professional athletes. In observance of Domestic Violence Awareness Month, tonight's Community Justice Academy will offer an in-depth look at domestic and dating violence in Marion County.

Last year, the Marion County Prosecutor's Office filed more than 3,800 cases involving domestic violence. These are often complex cases involving reluctant witnesses, children, and repeated assaults that tend to go unreported.

"Deadly Myths about Domestic and Dating Violence" will be led by veteran Deputy Prosecutors Kristina Korobov and Linda Major. The presentation will highlight clues that citizens can use to detect if their loved ones or neighbors may be victims of domestic violence, as well as dispel the potentially deadly myths revolving around domestic and dating violence.

Kristina Korobov currently serves as Director of Prosecutor Education and supervisor of the Special Victims Team. Korobov also prosecutes child abuse homicides, as well as selected domestic violence and sex crimes cases. She has been prosecuting such cases since 1997 and has spoken at multiple national conferences relating to domestic and dating violence.

Linda Major is the office's Director of Domestic Violence Initiatives and has served as a deputy prosecutor since 1996. Major specializes in prosecuting domestic violence crimes and works to develop strategies and initiatives to reduce domestic-related homicides in Marion County.

"It is incumbent upon all of us to know the signs of abuse and the resources available to address it," said Prosecutor Terry Curry. "If you are a victim of domestic violence, or know someone who is, there are ways to get help. It does not matter who you are, or who the abuser is, domestic violence of any kind is a crime."

What: Community Justice Academy
"Deadly Myths about Domestic and Dating Violence"

Who: Deputy Prosecutor Kristina Korobov

Deputy Prosecutor Linda Major

When: **Tonight**, Oct. 20, 2014
6:30-8 p.m.

Where: Indianapolis Public Library Services Center
2450 N Meridian St. Indianapolis

In its fourth year, the Community Justice Academy is part of a comprehensive effort by the Marion County Prosecutor's Office to further educate and engage citizens in crime prevention strategies and the criminal justice process. The Academy launched the first Monday in October and will conclude Monday, October 27, with a presentation on "Overcoming the Barriers of Re-Entry."